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REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)
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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

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This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- Newly executed Declaration, Copy of Declaration from prior application, Abstract
 Please **delete** the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:
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- 21 pages of specification and claims (including 48 numbered claims), and
 5 sheets of accompanying drawing/s for Figures 1 - 5.

- Attached is a Power of Attorney.

- Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

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, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

- Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.
 Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior application no. _____ filed _____
 This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.
 This application is a continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.
 Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.
 The prior application is assigned to _____.
 It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.
 Applicant claims "small entity" status. "Small entity" statement attached.
 Please enter the attached preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:
 Also attached: Information Disclosure Statement; Non-Publication Request; Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; Other: PTO Form 1449 and Cited References

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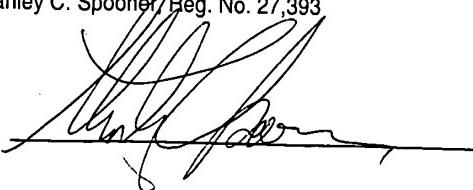
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